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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiffs,

V.

**ALCOA INC. and ALCOA WORLD
ALUMINA L.L.C.**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No.

Judge

Mag.

V-04- 119

NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREES

Plaintiff, the United States of America, hereby notifies the Court and all parties of record that Plaintiffs, the United States and the State of Texas, and Defendants, Alcoa Inc. and Alcoa World Alumina L.L.C., have entered into two Consent Decrees, copies of which are attached hereto. (Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint simultaneously with the filing of this Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree.)

The United States' and the State's final approval of the Consent Decrees, however, is contingent upon the review of public comments. Pursuant to the regulations at 28 C.F.R. § 50.7 and Section 122(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d)(2), the public will have thirty (30) days in which to submit comments to the United States on the Consent Decrees. The 30-day period will begin on the date notice of lodging of the Consent Decrees is published in the Federal Register. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d). Final approval by the State and


entry of the Consent Decrees also is subject to publication of a Notice of Settlement in the Texas Register, an opportunity for public comment, and consideration of any comments.

After the public comment periods have expired, the United States will inform the Court of any public comments received. If, after reviewing public comments, the United States and the State conclude that the Consent Decrees should be entered, Plaintiffs will provide the Court with the original Consent Decrees and seek entry of the Consent Decrees as a final order of the Court.

Because of the public comment period, we respectfully request that the Court not execute the Consent Decrees at this time. During the public comment period, no action is required or requested of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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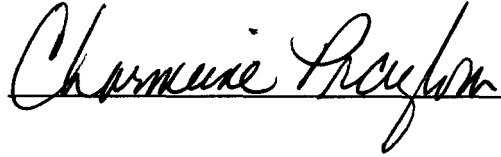
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I certify that the foregoing document was served on Derek McDonald, attorney for Defendants,
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I certify that the foregoing document was served on Derek McDonald, attorney for Defendants by sending it overnight mail on this 9th of December, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charmaine Proctor", written over a horizontal line.